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Workshop for Heritage Barn Owners

Walla Walla – If you own an old barn in Walla Walla County or the surrounding region, are you aware of the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative*? This initiative establishes the Heritage Barn Register, a statewide list of historically significant barns. Owners of historic barns over fifty years old that retain a significant degree of historic integrity can nominate their barn to be designated as a Heritage Barn and be included in the statewide register. Moreover, owners of designated Heritage Barns are eligible to apply for matching grants to assist with barn stabilization and rehabilitation projects.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is hosting a **free** workshop at the Water & Environmental Center located on the Walla Walla Community College Campus on the morning of Tuesday, September 24th from 8:30 to 10:00 am for barn owners wishing to learn more about the *Heritage Barn Preservation Initiative* and to assist barn owners in filling out both the *Heritage Barn Nomination Form* as well as the *Heritage Barn Grant Application*. Chris Moore, Field Director with the Washington Trust, will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the process for completing both documents. The deadline for nominating a barn to the Heritage Barn Register is October 1, 2013, while the deadline to submit grant applications is October 28, 2013. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful opportunity and to obtain assistance in participating in this valuable program. Coffee will be provided.

The meeting will be held in the Rotunda Room at the Water & Environmental Center, located on Water Center Drive on the WWCC campus. For directions and a map to the Center, see <http://www.wwcc.edu/CMS/index.php?id=1737>. Complete program information along with nomination and information forms can be found at <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/heritage-barn-register>.

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